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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER CFR.1.56 and CFR 1.97(b)**

The Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C.  
U.S.A 20231

Dear Sir:

**Re: United States Patent Application No. 10/043,337**  
**For: VACUUM CLEANER UTILIZING ELECTROSTATIC FILTRATION AND**  
**ELECTROSTATIC PRECIPITATOR FOR USE THEREIN**  
**Filed: January 14, 2001**  
**Applicant: Wayne Ernest Conrad**

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, and in recognition of the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, the applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement including a listing of patents and other publications of which the applicant is aware on form PTO-1449.

Copies of all of the references, except the three enclosed new references, were either provided or were cited by the Examiner during the prosecution of parent patent number 6,238,451. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98 (d), the Examiner is kindly referred to the parent cases for copies of the said references.

In accordance with the requirements of 1.97(b)(1) and (3), this Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of the application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.

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In view of the forgoing, it is respectfully submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement should be considered at this time by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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